



Power County

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Workforce Trends

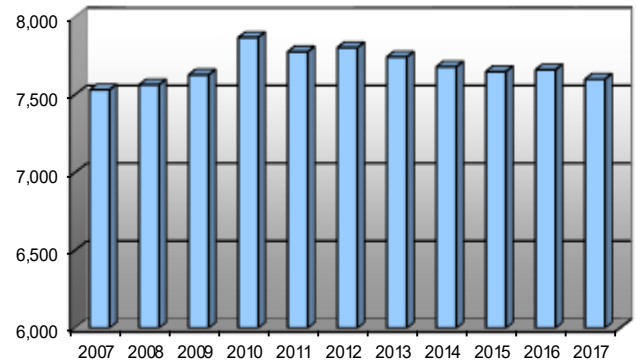
Population

Power County's population was relatively stable through the 2000s. Between 2000 and 2010 the county's population grew by 4.9 percent to 7,851. The population in recent years has declined.

Natural growth and in-migration raised the population early in the decade. The loss of manufacturing jobs midway through forced people to look for work elsewhere. The population in 2016 was estimated to be 7,654. American Falls, the largest city in the county had a population of 4,311.

The American Falls Reservoir, the largest on the Snake River, is one of the best boating and fishing lakes in the state. It also provides storage for irrigation and hydropower generation. The original American Falls, below the dam, adds stunning scenery to the county's lush and fertile farm land.

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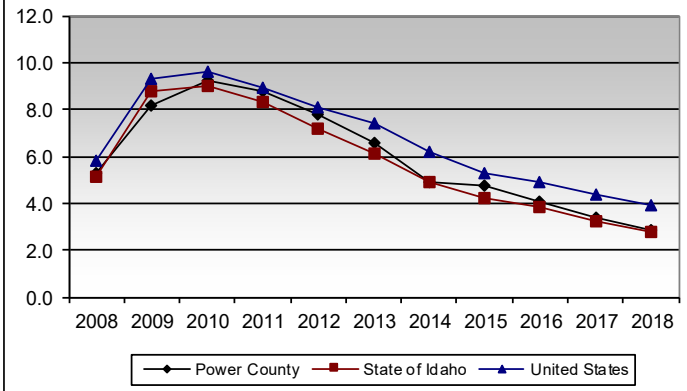
Labor Force & Employment

A diverse, skilled work force with an excellent work history is heavily dependent on agriculture and related manufacturing. National and regional economic fluctuations in agriculture kept unemployment high throughout the decade. The lowest rate at 2.9 percent came in 2018.

With agriculture and related manufacturing providing most of the county's employment, diversification is needed for future growth. The many marinas and beaches, excellent trout fishing and wind and water conditions have potential to draw more tourists to American Falls.

The labor force changed little between 2000 and 2010. Because of seasonal layoffs in food processing, the county unemployment rate jumped to 8.1 percent in 2009, reached a record high in 2010 at 9.2 percent and then began a downward trend in 2011. In 2014 the rate dropped 1.7 percentage points to 4.9 percent. The rate

Unemployment Rates



fell in 2018 further, with 2.9 percent unemployed.

Employment dropped in Power County from 3,695 in 2006 to a low of 3,177 in 2009. However, the level has remained fairly constant since 2012. Nearly all the loss was in manufacturing with the shutdown of the Astaris phosphate plant at the end of 2001.

In the recession, only two industries showed significant employment growth over the decade — agriculture and other services.

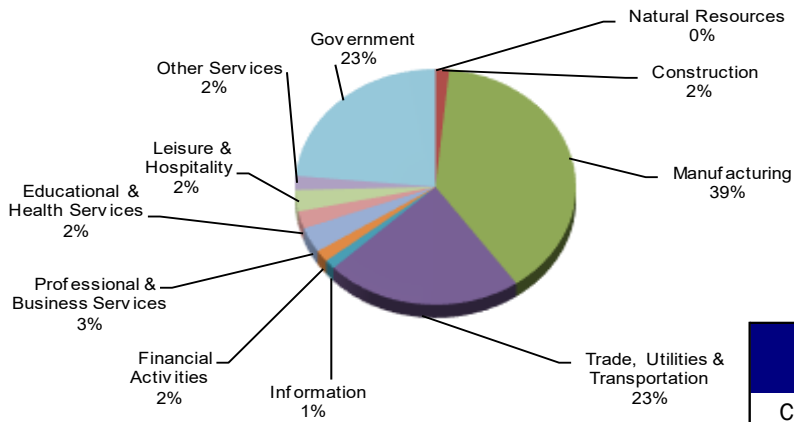
Labor Force	Dec 17	Dec 18
Civilian Labor Force	3,968	4,076
Total Employment	3,848	3,952
Unemployed	120	124
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.0	3.0
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.0	2.6
U.S. % Unemployed	4.1	3.9

Labor Force	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Civilian Labor Force	3,541	3,459	3,872	3,927	4,086	3,977	3,976	3,874	3,923	3,951	4,004
Unemployment	188	281	357	345	318	262	195	183	160	134	115
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.3	8.1	9.2	8.8	7.8	6.6	4.9	4.7	4.1	3.4	2.9
Employment	3,353	3,177	3,515	3,582	3,768	3,715	3,781	3,691	3,763	3,818	3,889

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2017



Major Employers (Private)

Con Agra
County Line Farms
Driscoll Potatoes LLC
Double L Manufacturing
Amerian Falls School District
Ken's Food Market
J. R. Simplot Company
Koompin Farms
Lance Funk Farms

Industry Employment & Wages

Even though the number of manufacturing jobs decreased between 2000 to 2016, the industry still provides 29 percent of covered employment and pays Power County's second highest wages.

Agriculture accounts for 22 percent. Government has 18.4 percent of the jobs with many in public education.

The average covered wage of \$40,297 ranks well among all Idaho counties, influenced by the large percentage of workers in manufacturing, where the average wage is \$51,519. However, the county's per capita income ranks 26th in the state.

Southeast Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wages	Median Wages
Cashiers	\$8.28	\$9.21
Retail Sales Workers	\$8.36	\$10.69
Food Processing Workers	\$10.55	\$11.28
Food & Beverage Serving Workers	\$8.32	\$8.94
Janitors & Cleaners	\$8.51	\$10.21
Construction Laborers	\$8.37	\$12.33
Maids	\$8.38	\$9.56
Nurses, Registered	\$23.12	\$29.13
Information & Record Clerks	\$14.68	\$18.41
Auto Mechanics & Service Techs	\$9.96	\$18.36
Teachers, Elementary	\$29,896	\$41,951
Teachers, Secondary	\$25,148	\$40,954

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at lmi.idaho.gov.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2007, 2016 & 2017	2007		2016		2017	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	3,206	\$30,674	3,252	\$40,226	3,263	\$40,297
Agriculture	447	\$24,051	611	\$33,119	597	\$34,583
Mining	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	100	\$28,560	41	\$33,148	38	\$34,633
Manufacturing	1,040	\$42,282	1,052	\$51,926	1,042	\$51,519
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	584	\$26,212	595	\$39,883	598	\$38,728
Information	35	\$40,003	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	67	\$21,579	40	\$37,849	44	\$41,060
Professional and Business Services	80	\$34,562	94	\$59,397	94	\$63,553
Educational and Health Services	32	\$24,003	60	\$25,150	64	\$25,974
Leisure and Hospitality	88	\$7,104	58	\$9,820	71	\$10,392
Other Services	44	\$22,661	55	\$28,584	52	\$29,576
Government	689	\$25,330	617	\$30,873	629	\$31,280

Per Capita Income	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Power County	\$28,673	\$28,574	\$29,452	\$34,130	\$35,078	\$34,902	\$32,993	\$35,003	\$34,121	\$36,969
State of Idaho	\$32,646	\$31,142	\$31,921	\$33,503	\$35,187	\$36,167	\$37,792	\$39,780	\$40,508	\$41,826
United States	\$40,904	\$39,284	\$40,545	\$42,727	\$44,582	\$44,826	\$47,025	\$48,940	\$49,831	\$51,640

Information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis